

Dear Esteemed Marching Band Director,

I would like to invite you to the 26th Annual Rebel Invitational Marching Band Festival on Saturday October 15, 2011. The Central Band Boosters will sponsor this event. I hope that you will consider making this contest part of your fall travel plans.

Field competition classification will be structured according to the number of schools entered and MSHSAA classification in music (Class 1,2,3,4,5). For the first time, this competition will use the "prelims and finals" format. There will be no parade. Should any class be too small to "stand alone", two or more classes may be combined. Place awards will be presented to ALL participating bands. Groups with the top ten scores, including class winners, will be in finals competition. Caption awards (percussion, color guard) will also be presented for each class and for finals.

Entries will be accepted between May 15 and September 24, 2010. Order of performances will be determined by receipt of entry; on-line, fax or ground mail postmark. Check the website often for updates, schedules, maps, etc. Classification of bands will not be made public or to the judges. The schedule will be set-up "scrambled", with last year's class winners competing at the end of the preliminary competition.

Entrants will be evaluated under the judging criteria from the Mid-America Marching Band Consortium System #4 (http://www.sunflower.com/~unity/index_files/frame.htm). The non-refundable entry fee for the competition is \$200.

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ON-LINE ENTRY AVAILABLE April

<http://www.centralr3.org/band/index.html>

I would encourage you to enter on-line. After completing the on-line entry you should receive a "receipt" for proof of existence for your Business Office. If you enter with a hard copy, complete the form and photocopy it. Give it to your business office for payment of fees and send one copy to me. The final mailing containing the schedule and other pertinent information will be sent out no later than October 7. However, everything will be sent out electronically to the email address given. If you have any questions, you may contact me by telephone or e-mail.

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